



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Lucky Six Truck Trail Maintenance, Repair and Brushing		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions of Sections 35, 17S, R2E and portions of Section 2, 18S, R2E, SBBM	COUNTY	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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Project Description This project proposes existing road surface and erosion repair, roadside brushing and future routine maintenance of the Lucky Six Truck Trail. Project specifics include repair of road bed erosion caused by culvert overtopping along approximately 100 feet of the existing road bed, utilizing existing rocks to stabilize road bed and repair of road surface with decomposed granite soils generated from existing roadbed. Additional activities include roadbed grading along the length of the truck trail to repair minor ruts and eroded water bars and removal of up to 80% of mature shrubs for up to a distance of 50 feet from the edge of both sides of the roadbed (approximately 36 acres) to provide safe access for fire equipment during wildland fire response. Small shrubs, herbaceous vegetation and root structures will be left in place to prevent erosion and present a natural appearance. Cut vegetation will be piled and burned on site under San Diego Air Pollution Control District permit. All road work will be implemented by CAL FIRE equipment operators using CAL FIRE dozer, grader and loader, and rental excavator. Vegetation treatment will be implemented by CAL FIRE hand crews using chainsaws and hand tools, chipping equipment (tracked and towed), excavator with a masticator head, and pile-burning conducted by CAL FIRE engine crews. The Lucky Six Truck Trail is located on privately owned property in a remote area of south central San Diego County approximately two miles east of the unincorporated Community of Dulzura and one and one-half miles south, southwest of the unincorporated Community of Deerhorn Valley. The truck trail is in steep rugged large bolder strewn terrain covered in native shrub species dominated by Chamise, Ceanothus, Buckwheat and California Sage Brush. Public access to this area is restricted and the location is not visible to residences or public roads.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type and Section: Class 1 & 4, 15301 Repair and Maintenance of Existing Facilities
15304 Minor alteration to the land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT


This project fits under portions of a Class 1 Categorical Exemption pertaining to repair and maintenance of existing facilities and Class 4 Categorical Exemption pertaining to minor alterations to the land as identified in the CEQA Guidelines. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply that would preclude the use of a notice of exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland or timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation or traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at Monte Vista Unit Headquarters.

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